

### **Remarks**

The various parts of the Office Action (and other matters, if any) are discussed below under appropriate headings.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102 and § 103***

Claims 12 and 14, which both include an input device for selecting a desired void-fill density, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,871,429 to Harding et al. ("Harding"). No teaching of such an input device has been found in Harding, however. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Claims 1-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harding and/or Harding in view of either U.S. Patent No. 3,819,918 to Hale ("Hale") or U.S. Patent No. 5,719,678 to Reynolds et al. ("Reynolds").

The claims have been amended to specify that the logic device can vary the amount of dunnage material that the dunnage dispenser is directed to dispense to provide a desired void-fill density for a determined void volume. No teaching or suggestion of varying the void-fill density for a given volume has been found in any of the applied references. Consequently, the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

#### ***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, request is made for timely issuance of a notice of allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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